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Honorable Henry Bonilla  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Bonilla:

This responds to your letter of November 5, 1993, addressed to the <sup>FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION</sup> ~~OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY~~ 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, Dale L. Flach, General Manager of Dell Telephone Cooperative, expresses support for a PCS licensing structure that permits small and rural telephone system participation under an auction regime.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules to govern PCS. The Commission allocated 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS and adopted licensing areas based upon Basic Trading Areas (BTAs) and Major Trading Areas (MTAs); 60 megahertz of spectrum were allocated for BTAs and 60 megahertz for MTAs. The allocation for MTAs is composed of two 30 megahertz frequency blocks, while the allocation for BTAs is composed of one 20 megahertz frequency block and four 10 megahertz blocks. Local exchange carriers may apply for PCS licenses on the same basis as other applicants.

Consistent with the Omnibus Reconciliation Act, in a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PP Docket No. (93-253) the Commission proposed to award PCS licenses by competitive bidding. The Commission also proposed licensing preferences in one 20 megahertz and one 10 megahertz frequency block for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's decisions addressing PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to ensure expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas. I am enclosing the press releases for the dockets addressed above that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

*Thomas P. Stanley*

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Chief Engineer

Enclosures

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The Honorable James H. Quello  
Chairman  
The Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Quello:

I have recently received the enclosed correspondence from a constituent of mine. I am forwarding a copy of his letter to you in the hope that you may be able to respond to his correspondence.

If you would review the attached information and look into this situation, any information that you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or my legislative assistant Richard Martinez in my Washington D.C. office at (202) 225-4511.

On behalf of my constituent, I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Henry Bonilla  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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